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After being attacked by the ninja, Spider-Man and Spider-Woman (in reality, Peter Parker and Mary Jane Watson) are rescued by the Black Cat (Peter's old flame)—who takes something called a "Vortex Ring" from the body of a dead ninja.

She leads the Spiders to Tony Stark's high-tech island headquarters, where Stark—formerly Iron Man, now a severed-but-still-living head attached to a motorized wheelchair—introduces the trio the damaged and nearly dead Wolverine, whom Stark is trying to restore to life.

Elsewhere, the surviving members of the Fantastic Four and Daredevil prepare for the fight of their lives...

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Part Two: Trial by Fire

I'LL KILL YOU FOR WHAT YOU DID TO REED!

SAVE YOUR STRENGTH, SIOUX. IT'S POINTLESS TO ATTACK THEM FROM AFAR...NINJA CAN DODGE ALL DAY.

WAIT UNTIL THEY'RE CLOSER, WHERE THEIR SENSES NEED TO BE MORE FOCUSED.

AND JUST HOW DO YOU KNOW THAT, DAREDEVIL?

TAKES ONE TO KNOW ONE.

KA-KLING

HOW DARE YOU TAKE THE GUISE OF MY BELOVED ELEKTRA?!

YOU THINK REMINDING ME OF HER DEATH WILL LOWER MY GUARD?

NO-- WE KNEW IT WOULD TAKE MORE TO RATTLE YOU...

...MATTHEW.

HOW COULD YOU KNOW...?!

ELEKTRA?! IS IT REALLY YOU?

YES, MATTHEW.

SKRASSH

ARRGHHH!

YOU ONCE TRIED TO SAVE MY *SOUL*.

I'M SORRY THERE WAS NEVER ANYTHING THERE *WORTH* SAVING.

SHING!

KNOCK KNOCK KNOCK KNOCK KNOCK KNOCK KNOCK

WHAT'S HE WANT?

OUT.

BLEEP

GPOK GPOK GPOK

IS THAT SUCH A GOOD IDEA, GIVEN YOU SAID HE MIGHT *KILL US*, AN' ALL?

BETTER *WE* LET HIM OUT, THAN HE LETS *HIMSELF* OUT-- RIGHT?

DO YOU HAVE TO LET HIM OUT AT ALL?

RELAX. IS YOUR "*SPIDER SENSE*" EVEN TINGLING?

NO, BUT... WAIT, HOW DO YOU--? OH, RIGHT, YOU KNOW A *LOT* OF THINGS ABOUT ME...

HHSSSSHH

EEEP!

THANKS, STARK.

AND YOU REMEMBERED I LIKED *REDHEADS*, EH?

WHAT'S THE *MATTER*, DOLL?

LEAVE HER ALONE!

SNRK

PETER!!

PROTECTING YOUR GIRL'S *HONOR*, EH? CUTE.

MAYBE YOU SHOULD HAVE PUT A LITTLE MORE THOUGHT INTO PROTECTING YOURS?

SLIKT!

DROP HIM OR I DROP *THEM*.

SLIKT!

YOUR TURN TO PUT THE CLAWS AWAY.

MY PLEASURE.

THEY WOULD HAVE GROWN BACK, PUSSYCAT.

IT'S *BLACK* CAT, ACTUALLY.

MAYBE *THIS'LL* MAKE IT SO YOU DON'T FORGET.

SKRITCH

YOUR MUTANT POWER IS LIQUID *BAND-AID?*

I'VE ALWAYS BEEN A SUCKER FOR A GIRL WITH A NICE SET OF...

...*CLAWS.*

CLAWS?! THAT'S *IT!*

AND THE X! WHY DIDN'T I SEE IT *EARLIER?!*

I GUESS WE SHOULD *FOLLOW* THE TALKING WHEELCHAIR?

WILL YOU *PLEASE* PUT SOME PANTS ON?!

HOW LONG WAS I OUT?

TWO DAYS. WHATEVER IT WAS THEY HIT YOUR SYSTEM WITH PRETTY MUCH WIPED OUT YOUR *HEALING FACTOR.*

DID A LOT WORSE TO *OTHER* MUTANTS.

WHOEVER'S ATTACKING THE HEROES CAME AFTER YOU, TOO?! BUT HOW'D THEY *FIND* YOU? I THOUGHT ALL THE MUTANTS HAD GONE *UNDERGROUND!*

WE HAD. WE'D SCATTERED AFTER EVERYTHING THAT WENT DOWN WITH THE HELLFIRE CLUB AND THE SENTINELS A FEW YEARS BACK.

BUT THEY DIDN'T NEED TO FIND US. THEY SENT SOME KIND OF *VIRUS* TO DO THEIR DIRTY WORK FOR 'EM. ATTACKED US ON A GENETIC LEVEL.

AND I WANT TO KNOW WHY. ANY LUCK FINDING OUT JUST WHAT THE HELL'S GOING ON, STARK?

UNFORTUNATELY, YES. I THINK I JUST FIGURED IT OUT...

MUSIC TO MY EARS.

YOU MIGHT *CHANGE* YOUR *TUNE* AFTER YOU HEAR WHAT I'VE GOT TO SHOW YOU.

A RING?! *OOOHH,* YOU'VE GOT ME SHAKING IN MY BOOTS HERE, TONY.

NOT JUST ANY RING, LOGAN. IT'S THE *IMPACT BEAM* RING.

YOU MEAN...?

YES, ONE OF THE TEN RINGS THAT BELONG TO...

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...THE MANDARIN!

WHO?

THE MANDARIN?

HE NAMED HIMSELF AFTER AN *ORANGE*?

SMAK

OWWW.

SMAK

THE *MANDARIN* WAS ONE OF MY OLD *VILLAINS*. OR SHOULD I SAY *IRON MAN'S*-- BOTH MY SISTER AND I FOUGHT HIM OVER THE YEARS.

HE WAS A *POWERFUL MADMAN* BENT ON *WORLD DOMINATION*. HE ALMOST SUCCEEDED A FEW TIMES, TOO--THANKS TO THE TEN *MAGIC RINGS* HE WIELDS, EACH POSSESSING AN *INCREDIBLE POWER*... BE IT *HEAT* OR *LIGHT* OR *ICE*.

SOUNDS LIKE HE'S BACK ON A *TEAR*. SO WHY'S ONE OF *YOUR* OLD BADDIES AFTER US ALL?

ACTUALLY, I DON'T BELIEVE THAT *HE'S* BEHIND ALL THIS. YOU SEE, MY LATEST INTELLIGENCE REVEALS THAT THE MANDARIN HAS BEEN RENDERED QUITE...

...HARMLESS.

AND *HANDLESS*.

THOSE CLAW MARKS...

WASN'T ME.

WASN'T ME.

DON'T WORRY. I'M SURE BOTH YOUR ALIBIS WILL CHECK OUT JUST FINE.

I WAS AT A LOSS TRYING TO FIGURE OUT WHO WOULD DO SOMETHING LIKE THIS UNTIL YOU JUST MADE MENTION OF YOUR TASTE IN WOMEN, LOGAN.

I THINK IT'S SAFE TO SAY HIS HANDS WERE REMOVED AGAINST HIS WILL BY SOMEONE WITH SIMILAR "ATTRIBUTES" TO YOURS.

AND GIVEN THE X THAT'S BEEN CARVED INTO HIS CHEST, THE SIGNS NOW ALL POINT TO YOUR OLD FLAME...

DEATHSTRIKE!!

SNIKT

SORRY. STILL *ITCHES* A LITTLE WHENEVER HER NAME GETS BROUGHT UP.

SHE'S RESPONSIBLE FOR *THAT*?

PARTLY.

ME AND MISS YURIKO OYAMA UP THERE HAVE A *HISTORY*, PERSONAL *AND* PROFESSIONAL. LET'S JUST SAY SHE DIDN'T REACT WELL TO OUR *SPLITTING UP*.

AND THE X... FOR *WEAPON X*, THE OLD OUTFIT YOU BOTH SERVED IN. COULD *THEY* BE BEHIND THIS?

NAH, THE X MIGHT STILL BE HER *SIGNATURE*, BUT LAST I'D HEARD, YURIKO'D GONE BACK TO HER ROOTS AND HOOKED UP WITH *THE HAND!*

SO THE MANDARIN'S *HANDS* HAVE FALLEN INTO THE *HAND'S HANDS*?

TRY AND SAY *THAT* FIVE TIMES FAST.

SO WHAT'RE *WE* SUPPOSED TO--

WAIT A SEC...*THE HAND?!* AS IN THE JAPANESE NINJA ASSASSIN CLAN? *THAT* HAND?

JUDGING BY THE LOOKS OF YOUR ATTACKERS AND WHAT LOGAN JUST TOLD US... YES, I WOULD SAY THEY'RE DEFINITELY "THAT HAND".

SO LET ME GET THIS STRAIGHT.

YOUR VILLAIN...

...CUT OFF *YOUR* VILLAIN'S HANDS...

...AND TEAMED UP WITH *MY* VILLAINS?!

THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT APPEARS TO HAVE HAPPENED.

THE HAND ARE *YOUR* VILLAINS?

SPIDER-CLAN? *NINJA*.

THE HAND? *NINJA*.

NINJA CLANS *FIGHT*. IT'S WHAT WE *DO*.

AND WHEN WERE YOU GOING TO MENTION THEM TO ME?

MJ, *NOW'S* NOT THE TIME TO--

RRUUUMMBBBBBBBBBB

RRUUUMMBBLLEE RRUUUMMBBLLEE

SNIK!

WHAT THE--?

SLIK!

KRAK-OW

GET UP, BEN! THEY'RE *COMING!*

IT'S NO USE, SIOUX. HE'S *GONE.*

NO!

GUESS I SHOULD HAVE TOLD YOU ABOUT THE HAND, HUH?

IT'S TOO LATE!

GGGRRRRRR

SLICE

SHRANG

SLASH

DOWN, BOY...

CLANG

LOOK OUT!!

WHIRRSH

POK

POK

YOU SHOULD GET OUT OF HERE, TONY.

THINGS ARE ABOUT TO GET *NASTY*.

YOU'VE GOT *THAT* RIGHT--

VRRRRRRRRR

CLANK

CHAK

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--AND I'M THE ONE THAT'S GOING TO MAKE IT NASTY!

VVRRAAMM

I'LL HANDLE THIS HAWKEYE WANNABE. YOU HELP THE SPIDERS WITH THE SWORD GUY.

HE'S TOO STRONG! I CAN'T HOLD HIM MUCH LONGER!

USE ONE OF THOSE *INVISIBLE BLASTS* TO KNOCK THIS GUY OUT OR SOMETHING!

I'LL DO BETTER THAN *THAT*--

--MY POWERS CAN CREATE *ANY* SHAPE!

NOW THE *DEAD* WILL HAVE THEIR *VENGEANCE!*

AARGH!!

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THAT WAS FOR *REED* AND *BEN!*

LOOK OUT!!

SLAASH

NOOOO!!!

FWAASH

SNAP

LET'S GO!

FUNK

FWISH

NO!! YOU MURDERERS ARE NOT GETTING AWAY!

UUUGH!

WE'LL FIND THEM AGAIN. YOU'LL HAVE YOUR REVENGE.

NO, WE HAVE TO...

WHAT THE HELL WAS *THAT*?!

THAT WAS A CHOREOGRAPHED ATTACK, IS WHAT IT WAS.

WHAT?! THEY KNEW WE WERE *HERE*?

NO WAY. THAT WAS *MUCH* TOO RANDOM TO HAVE BEEN PLANNED.

THAT'S WHAT THEY **WANTED** US TO THINK. I DON'T KNOW HOW THEY KNEW, BUT THAT WAS AN INTRICATE "SMASH AND GRAB" HEIST.

THE NINJA WERE JUST **DECOYS** WHILE THAT WOMAN WENT AFTER THE SCORE.

AND WHAT WAS *THE SCORE* EXACTLY?

"THE ULTIMATE SYMBOL OF FREEDOM."

TO BE CONTINUED...